

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A document processing method wherein print settings for printing a document are changeable, the method comprising:

5 a registration step of registering print settings for a document being edited as template information; and

a reading step of reading the template information registered in said registration step as print settings
10 for the document being edited or a new document.

2. The document processing method according to claim 1, further comprising a template editing step of editing the contents of a template registered in said
15 registration step.

3. The document processing method according to claim 1, wherein said document has a tree structure with pages as leaves; print settings are settable for each
20 subtree; and said registration step registers print settings set for the whole of said tree structure as a template.

4. The document processing method according to claim
25 1, wherein said document has a tree structure with pages as leaves; print settings are settable for each subtree; settings made at a lower hierarchy are

preferentially applied to overlapped setting items; and said registration process registers print settings to be applied to a selected subtree as a template.

5 5. The document processing method according to claim 1, further comprising a document editing step of editing said document, wherein print settings are changeable in the document editing step.

10 6. The document processing method according to claim 1, wherein said print settings include at least any of printing method, paper direction, gutter and binding direction, page layout, enlargement/reduction, watermark, header and footer, paper discharge method,
15 setting of bookbinding, cover and back cover, index paper, slip paper and chapter separation.

7. A document processor capable of changing print settings for printing a document, the document
20 processor comprising:

 a registration unit for registering print settings for a document being edited as template information;
 and

 a reading unit for reading the template
25 information registered by said registration unit as print settings for the document being edited or a new document.

8. The document processor according to claim 7,
further comprising a template editing unit for editing
the contents of a template registered by the
5 registration unit.

9. The document processor according to claim 7,
wherein said document has a tree structure with pages
as leaves; print settings are settable for each
10 subtree; and said registration unit registers print
settings set for the whole of said tree structure as a
template.

10. The document processor according to claim 7,
15 wherein said document has a tree structure with pages
as leaves; print settings are settable for each
subtree; settings made at a lower hierarchy are
preferentially applied to overlapped setting items; and
said registration unit registers print settings to be
20 applied to a selected subtree as a template.

11. The document processor according to claim 7,
further comprising document editing unit for editing
said document, wherein print settings are changeable by
25 the document editing unit.

12. The document processor according to claim 7,
wherein said print settings include at least any of
printing method, paper direction, gutter and binding
direction, page layout, enlargement/reduction,
5 watermark, header and footer, paper discharge method,
setting of bookbinding, cover and back cover, index
paper, slip paper and chapter separation.

13. A computer program product including a recording
10 medium to which a program is recorded, the program
causing a computer to execute a document processing
method wherein print settings for printing a document
are changeable, and the program comprising:

a code for a registration process for registering
15 print settings for a document being edited as template
information; and

a code for a reading process for reading the
template information registered by said registration
process as print settings for the document being edited
20 or a new document.

14. The computer program product according to claim 13,
further comprising a code for a template editing
process for editing the contents of a template
25 registered by said registration process.

15. The computer program product according to claim 13,
wherein said document has a tree structure with pages
as leaves; print settings are settable for each
subtree; and said registration process registers print
5 settings set for the whole of said tree structure as a
template.

16. The computer program product according to claim 13,
wherein said document has a tree structure with pages
10 as leaves; print settings are settable for each
subtree; settings made at a lower hierarchy are
preferentially applied to overlapped setting items; and
said registration process registers print settings to
be applied to a selected subtree as a template.

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17. The computer program product according to claim 13,
further comprising a code for a document editing
process for editing said document, wherein print
settings are changeable by the code for the document
20 editing processing.

18. The computer program product according to claim 13,
wherein said print settings include at least any of
printing method, paper direction, gutter and binding
25 direction, page layout, enlargement/reduction,
watermark, header and footer, paper discharge method,

setting of bookbinding, cover and back cover, index
paper, slip paper and chapter separation.